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## Measures to be taken against neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* that the United Nations emerged from the struggle against nazism, fascism, aggression and foreign occupation, and that the people expressed their resolve in the Charter of the United Nations to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,

*Aware* of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Convinced* that the best bulwark against neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror is the establishment and maintenance of democratic institutions, that the existence of genuine political, social and economic democracy is an effective vaccine and an equally effective antidote against the formation or development of neo-Nazi movements, and that a political system which is based on freedom and effective participation by the people in the conduct of public affairs and under which economic and social conditions are such as to ensure a decent standard of living for the population makes it impossible for nazism or other ideologies based on racism and racial discrimination, hatred and terror to exist,

*Noting with regret* that in the contemporary world there continue to exist various manifestations of neo-Nazi activities, as well as other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror, which entail contempt for the individual or a denial of the intrinsic dignity and

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equality of all human beings and of equality of opportunity in the civil, political, economic and social and cultural spheres and in social justice,

*Deeply alarmed* at the recent intensification of activities of neo-Nazi and neo-Fascist groups and organizations,

*Noting with concern* the widening use by such groups and organizations of the opportunities provided by scientific and technological progress, including the Internet global computer network,

*Expressing* its serious concern at the intensification of activities in a number of States of the preachers of Fascist ideologies and at the growing coordination of their activities at the international level,

*Recalling* its resolutions 2331 (XXII) of 18 December 1967, 2438 (XXIII) of 19 December 1968, 2545 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969, 2713 (XXV) of 15 December 1970, 2839 (XXVI) of 18 December 1971, 34/24 of 15 November 1979, 35/200 of 15 December 1980, 36/162 of 16 December 1981, 37/179 of 17 December 1982, 38/99 of 16 December 1983, 39/114 of 14 December 1984, 40/148 of 13 December 1985, 41/160 of 4 December 1986 and 43/150 of 8 December 1988,

*Recalling also* Commission on Human Rights resolutions 1983/28 of 7 March 1983,[1] 1984/42 of 12 March 1984,[2] 1985/31 of 13 March 1985,[3] 1986/61 of 13 March 1986,[4] 1988/63 of 10 March 1988[5] and 1990/46 of 6 March 1990,[6]

*Taking into consideration* the report of the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on measures to combat contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance,[7]

*Welcoming* the convening of the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,

1. *Again resolutely condemns* neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror and entailing systematic denial of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

2. *Expresses its determination* to resist all neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices which deprive people of basic human rights and fundamental freedoms and of equality of opportunity;

3. *Calls upon* all Governments to pay constant attention to educating the young in the spirit of respect for international law and fundamental human rights and freedoms and against neo-Nazism and other ideologies and practices based on terror, hatred and violence;

4. *Urges* all States to draw attention to the threats to democratic institutions by the above-mentioned ideologies and practices and to consider taking measures, in accordance with their national legal systems and the provisions of the Universal

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1983, Supplement No. 3* (E/1983/13), chap. XXVII.A.
[2] Ibid., *1984, Supplement No. 4* (E/1984/14), chap. II.A.
[3] Ibid., *1985, Supplement No. 2* (E/1985/22), chap. II.A.
[4] Ibid., *1986, Supplement No. 2* (E/1986/22), chap. II.A.
[5] Ibid., *1988, Supplement No. 2* (E/1988/12), chap. II.A.
[6] Ibid., *1990, Supplement No. 2* (E/1990/22), chap. II.A.
[7] A/55/304, annex.

Declaration of Human Rights[8] and the International Covenants on Human Rights,[9] to prohibit or otherwise deter activities of groups or organizations or whoever is practising those ideologies;

5. *Invites* Member States to adopt, in accordance with their national constitutional systems and the provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Human Rights, as a matter of high priority, measures declaring punishable by law any dissemination of ideas based on racial superiority or hatred or of war propaganda, including neo-Nazism and other ideologies;

6. *Considers* that the best defence against any neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror lies in free and effective popular participation in democratic institutions, particularly in participation in free and fair elections held at reasonable intervals, based on the respect for the human rights proclaimed in relevant international human rights instruments;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in his report to the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance information on the measures undertaken by Member States against neo-Nazi activities and other ideologies and practices based on racial or ethnic intolerance or discrimination, hatred and terror.

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[8] Resolution 217 A (III).

[9] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.